Bird notes.
Ramanathapuram

from 1.1.1973 to
To 11.7.1974

Common Birds seen around Ramnad

1. House crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. Brahminy Kite
4. Pariah Kite
5. House Sparrow
6. Common Myna
7. Black Drongo
8. Roller
9. Paddy Bird
10 Little Egret.

5-1-73 VAIGAI THARAVAI and Back via Mandabam Road 3.00-5.30 P.M

Bright sunny afternoon - Only Gentle Breeze from North - No Rain for the past One week. Paddy field's harvesting going on. Fully water logged in many Places.

Vaigai Tharavai soaked with oozing water. Birds only in small numbers - Pelicans and Painted storks not seen - may be sitting in the far off shore.

Cutting of trees going on in the thorn forest where I used see many small songsters.

× Seven Ashy Swallow Shrikes sat close without any gap between them on electric wire. So far large Numbers seen together.

Two Pied Harriers flew very low near Tharavai. Light very helpful to have a good look for more than Three min. One hover high up in the air.

Two Baybacked Shrikes indulged in courting activities. One bird

bowed sever times to its mat sitting near by. Then they tried preen each other. Before this there was loud call from both birds. After five minutes the flew off.

11 Green Bee Eater
12 Blue Tailed "
13 White Breasted Kingfisher
14 Tern
15 Jungle Babbler
16 Purple Sunbird
17 Ashy Swallow Shrike
18 Coacoul
19 Spotted Dove
20 Pied Harrier
21 Paddyfield Warbler
22 Palm Swift
23 Swallow
24 Redvented Bulbul
25 Grey Heron
26 Golden Plover
27 R. R. Plover
28 Little Stint.
29 Median Egret
30 Common Sandpiper
31 Spotted Sandpiper
32 Indian Robin

33 Baya Weaver
34 Maras Bush Lark
35 Richards Pipit
36 Bay Backed Shrike
37 Koel
38 Cormorant
39 Golden Backed Woodpecker
40 Grey Patridge } Heard.
41 Tee-Tee Warbler } Heard.
42 Tree Warbler
43 Brown Swift
44. Parakeet
45. Spotted Owlet (Heard)

2.1.1973 Terkku Tharavai 3.30 to 5.30 P.M

Along railway line and turn to south - But unable to approach the big spread of water. In the small pool in foreground only Little ringed Plovers and Stints On the way I saw a Kestrel over sakka rakkotattai. In the hedges Three Kinds of Shrikes were there. Cattle Egrets flew in groups 20 to 30 towards North east about 4.30 P.M I saw four such groups. One Fan tailed Warbler and another warbler were there. Richards Pipits were there on the grassland adjoing the water. Brahmany Myna, common Myna, Brahmany Kite and Paraih Kite also were there. Pariah Kite building its nest in the Palmairah Palm.

13.1.1973 Peria Kanmai Thalthu

WATER level BELOW 20 PIONTS 5.30 to 6.15 P.M.

By cyling - Partily cloudy but unusually warm sunny day. Not windy or chilley as it will be usually in this Part of the year.

I was luky to see unusuall a large number of birds in such a short trip that to in the late after noon.

1. Jungle Crow
2. Common Crow
3. Sparrow
4. Common Myna
5. Brahminy Myna
6. Cattle Egret ~~(Bree~~
7. Little Egret (with two crests on head but bill Black)
8. Median Egret (fighting)
9. Paddy Bird (Breeding
10. Grey Heron
11. Teal
12. Common Teal
13. Duck (large under wing white)
14. Koel

15. Common Bee Eater
16. Pied King Fisher
17. W. Breasted King Fisher
18. Roller
19. Bl. Bellied Finch Lark
20. Tree Pipit
21. Sky Lark
23 Cormorant.

24. Little ringed Plover
25 Kentosh Plover
26. Spotted Sandpiper
27. Green Sandpiper
28 Golden Plover
29. White Breasted Water hen
30 Pintail Snipe
31 PAINTED SNIPE ♀
32 Kestrel
33. Paraih Kite
34 Brahminy Kite
35 Red vented Bulbul
36 Common Babler
37 (Mouse Colour) Warbler
38 Streaked Warble
39 Common Swallow
40 Palm Swift
41. Drango
42 Hoopie

21.1.73 Devipattanam 4 to 6 P.m.

Bright Sunny Day - Little Breeze from See - Almost all uppalams Dry - About to be irricated for uppu.

Photographing the birds - Vlagi also accampained me - 20 snaps - including one flying White Bellied sea Eagle. Few Birds were seen.

43. White bellied sea Eage
44. Grey Plover
45. Dunlins
46. Indian Reef Heron
47. Great Egret
48. Teals of a Kind
49. Curlew
50 Whimbrel
51. Indian Alpine Swift.
52. Brown Headed Gull
53 Great Black Backed Gull
54. Indian Whiskered Tern

Able to photograph a flock of Teals, Whimbrels and Gulls - a single Indian Reef Heron and Two Great Herons.

22.1.73 Periakanmai Jhalhu. 6.45 to 7.45 A.M.

Water below 24 Points - Bright sunny day - with camera -

55. Little Cormorants (50) Photographed
56. Grey Patridge (10)
57. Rose Ringed Parakeet
58. Blue Tailed Bee Eater.
59. Grey Shrike
60. Grey Headed Wagtail
61. Pied Wagtail

In the evenings the Birds are not as numerous as in the morning

62. White Bellied Drongo
63. Purple Sun bird
64. Golden Oriole
65. Jungle Owlet.
66. Pied Crested Cuckoo

Grey Patridges which were absent for the past three months are numerous and are feeding even on Road side.

24.1.73 Sakarakottai Kanmai 7.00-7-45 A.M

Partly cloudy chill Morning - unusal wind from North West -

About 2000 Felimingoswere there near 3 K.M mark in the kanmai. Another huge flock in the far off western edge. Photographed 10 exposures. When the boy with me whistled and clapped his hands they took off to the western edge.

The Brahmany Kite sitting in the usual nest and when I was talking to boy it tried to pluck my head. Photographed over head flight.

Teals, Terns, few Egrets also were there.

Teals one fram. Kite Two Frames. Absense of Herons notable

67. Felimingos
68. Yellow throated Sparrow

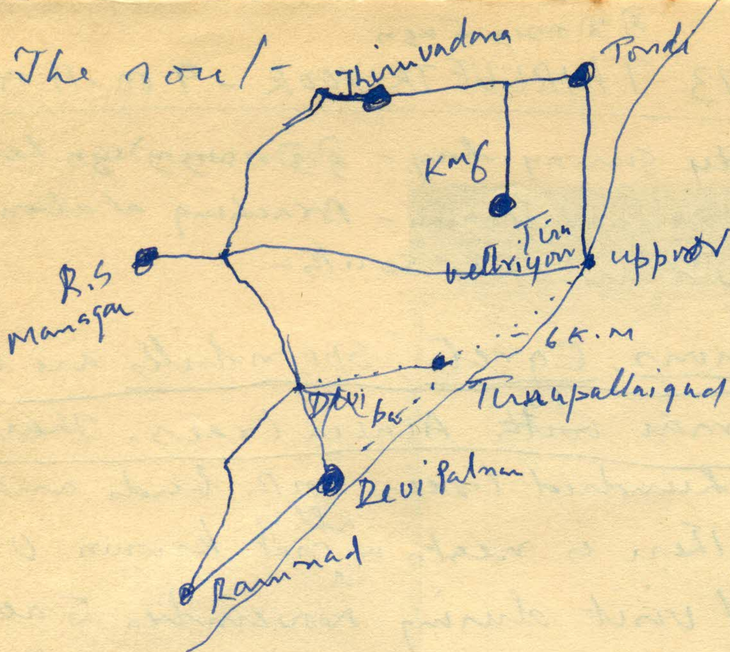
திருவெற்றியூர்

26.1.1973 THIRUVETRIYOOR – 9.00 - 11.00 A.M.

Partly Cloudy sunny day – திருவெற்றியூர் between Tondi and Thiruvadanai – Branching at about 10KM from Thiruvadanai 6KM South –

Grey Herons, Egrets, Spoonbills are breeding in Kanmai ~~with~~ by Acacia trees. There ~~are~~ is about hundred trees with birds and whether there is nests in all is not known. One should visit during November to ascertain the fact. Cormorants are occupying few trees predominently. One or two Pelicans are there. The absence of Painted storks notable. The trees are about 70 to 100 meters from the shore and the shore is fairly clear of seemai karuvel. One should spend some time there.

On the way to Thiruvadanai I met neumerous birds. Teals, shrikes bee-eaters are notable while returning via Uppoor many Plovers and sandpipers were seen. From Thondi to uppoor the new East coast road is very bird but there are numerous streams suitable habitats for sand pipers.



Birds seen for this month

67. Shag
68 Spoonbills
69 Pelican
70 Marsh Harrier
71. Godwit

28.1.1973 KANCHIRANKULAM 9.00-10-30 A.M.

Uttarakosamanga -20 K.M → Ittanhadal 11 K.M
→ Sikkil 10 K.M → Mudukulathur 24 K.M Rs1-75
Kanjiramkulam 4 K.M

Return Journey: Muthukulathur - Paramakudi - Ramnad

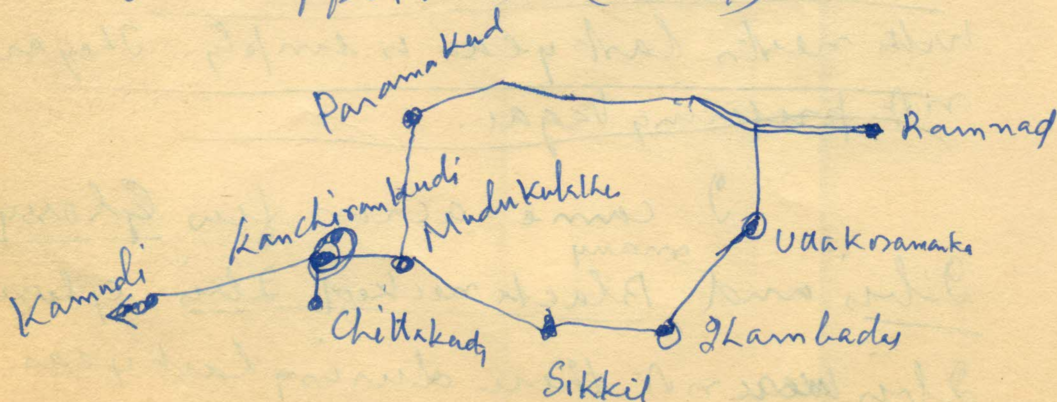
Very hot cloudless day

Painted Storks in large numbers (about 2000)
and Pelicans about 50 to 75 are breeding
There are chicks in few nests of the Painted
storks and eggs in many nest. They
are bringing sticks and green leafs.
This year they occupy more trees even
near the shore. But on big tree breaming
with nests last year is empty. They are
not prefering Vagai.

I came across few Glossy
Ibis and many Black necked Ibis. Glossy
Ibis were not there during last year.
Coots are there in the tank. On the

way I came across ten to twelve Ducks greyish in colour near Melai Seval Patti People said that birds were also then in <u>Chittrakudi</u>. I should make a trip there next time.

72. ~~Glossed~~ Black Ibis
73. Black Necked Ibis
74. Coot
75. Bay Backed Shrike
76. ~~Fan tailed~~ White Bellied Str Warbler
77. Tree Pie
78. Head Black - Underparts Kite
79. Another Eagle
80. Coppersmith (heard)



1-2-73 Periakanmai Thenkalungo - 5.45-7.45 A.M

I went by bus ~~at~~ and it was dark when I got down from bus and sat on the parapit wall for about 15 minutes.

Some 300 to 400 birds Night Herons seen flying towards north from 5.~~3~~45 to 6.45 A.M in groups while flocks of Little Egrets fly from north to south. It is a sight worth watching in the Early hours.

Saw one Black Winged Kite after long interval. Tailor Bird a record for ~~three~~ three or four months.

Pelicans flow one behind another there were about 100 to 150 in number. A flock of Felimingos stood very closely and moved away. Absence of Painted stroks notable. 50 to 70 Dunlins were there - absence of stilts.

1. Felimingo
2. Pelican
3. Little cormorant
4. Grey Heron
5. Pond Heron
6. Cattle Egret

7. Median Egret
8. Little Egret
9. Night Heron
10 Openbilled Stork (one young?)
11. Common Teal
12 Pintail
13 Red Crested Poccard
14. Black Wing kite
15. Pariah Kite
16. Brahminy kite
17. Tawny Eagle
18. Grey Patridge (heard)
19. L. Ring. Plover
20. Spotted Sandpiper
21. Green Shank
22 Green Sandpiper
23. Common Sandpiper
24 Dunlin
25. Common Snipe
27. Lesser Black Backed Gull
28. Indian Whiskered Tern
29. Palm Swift
30. White Breasted Kingfisher

31. Indian Roller
32. Black Bellied finch Lark
33. Sky Lark
34. Common Swallow
35. Brown Shrike
36. King Crow
37. White bellied Drango
38. House Crow
39. Jungle Crow
40. Redvented Bulbul
41. Jungle Babbler
42. Streaked Wren Warbler
43. Tailor Bird
44. Brown Warbler
45. Grey Wagtail
46 Spotted Dove
47 Ring Dove

3.2.73 → 48 ~~ROSY PASTOR~~? First time Record (See Next Page)
49 Crimson Barbet
50 Brown headed Gull
51. Purple Sunbird
52 Common Bee Eater
53 Blue Tailed Bee Eater
54. Yellow throated Sparrow
55. Spotted Munia
56. Golden Oriole
57. Tree Pie

3.2.1973 Sakkarakottai Kanmai 7.00 to 7.30 A.M

For the first time I am able to see and identify a flock of 20-30 Grey headed Mynas ~~Rosy Pastor~~ which of course I had seen in flight in the past but unable to identify. The Birds which I observed four years back in the evening while I went for a walk in Sulur during an evening may be Grey head mynas ~~Rosy Pastor~~. On then that day they flew in flocks of hundreds continously for more than an Two hours from 4 to 6 P.M.

Felimigo flew about 6.45 from Thekku Tharavi to S.Kottai Kanmai. The total number of Teals and Ducks may be around 5000 to day morning. A Blue Tailed bee eater in the juvenile plumage all rosy red above and below was on the wire. I saw Tree Pie without its long tail - how it ~~lost it in a~~ could have lost it.

6.2.1973 Vaigaitharavai 6-30 to 8.15 A.M.

Bright sunny Morning. grass patches almost tried up - still there is water in the middle low lagoons -

Painted Storks in flocks 15 to 20 flew towards the Tharavai. Golden Plovers are less in number. Pelicans and Indian Reef Herons absent.

One Pale Harrier and one Caspian tern were there. A fight between a crow and a snipe for about five minutes and the snipe overcame the crow and persuded it so many time failed to photograph it.

58. Indian Robin
59. Tawny Eagle
60. Coacoul
61. Koel ~~White bellied Drongo~~
62. Hoopoe
63. Pied Harrier
64. Caspian Tern
65. Painted Strok
66 Golden Plover
67. Snipe ?
68. Black Headed Gull
69. Common Kingfish
70. Golden Backed Woodpecker
71. Shikara
72 Peafowl
73 Ternlet
75 Tree Pipit

16.2.1973 ~~Satt~~ Peria Kanmai 5.3 to 6.3.73
North Kalungu
Water Level 15 Batches Visible

For the Past one week 9.2.73 to 15-2-73 water was led out from Vaigai dam and there is considerable inflow in the Peria Kanmai. On 12.2.1973 I was able to saw <u>three kinds of terns</u> in Peria Kanmai. They were about twenty in number and fishing in the company of one or two Gulls. <u>Ternlets</u> also were there a first record for Periakanmai an inland lake. The flamingo were absent due to ~~water~~ the rising of water level.

76. Jungle Owlet
77. Pied Kingfisher
78. Spoonbill
79 White throated Munia
80 Spotted Munia

Common teal
~~White~~ ~~[illegible]~~
head and Bright
red eyes were
in the Markets.

17-2-1973 Devipattanam 3-45 to 6-15 P.M.

தைப்பூசம் - almost High tide - but the sea went back a little at 6.00 P.M - slight wind -

To day due to the winds and high tide almost all the birds are faraway near the bushes in the northern sides. Indian Reef Herons are in large numbers. Dusky Red Shanks and Great Stone Plovers are birds new to that place. White bellied Sea Eagle flew along the sea coast at the Dusk usually. Absence of Terns and Little birds and Godwits are notable.

81. White Bellied Sea Eagle
82. Great Indian Stone Curlew
83. Whimbrel
84 Curlew
85. Garganey
86. Dusky Red Shank
87. Lesser Sand Plover
88. Indian Reef Herons
89 Marsh warbler
90. Little Stint
91. Grey Plover
92. Kentish Plover
93. Pied white Wagtail
94. Kestral

20.2.72 Sakkaraikottaikanmai. 7.30 to 8.30 A.M

cloudy. Partly sunny.

Flemingo's in three groups were at the distance. 9-10 Large Egrets with yellowish bills were there. These are fishing singly. Their streched neck gives them a majestic look. The birds that frequent the Peepal trees were Grey head mynahs - While returning a saw a party of Cuckoo Shrikes.

95. Cuckoo Shrikes
96. Grey Headed Myna
97. Large Egret

21.2.72 Peria Kanmai - 6-45 to 8.00 Hrs.

3rd Mathagadi.

Flemingos were in the southern end. Small Terns, Green Shank, Pipits. Pintails. Grey Headed Mynas were there. While returning two Richard's Pipits with very long claws were sitting on the wire. One Large Egret were also there

98. Richard's Pipit
99. Bartailed Godwit
100 Blacktailed Godwit

23.2.72 Sakkaraikottai kanmai. 7.30 to 8.15

- Cloudy dim weather -

8 to 10 Large Egrets were there. One pair of Lesser Black Backed Gull was there. One bird flew very low almost touching the water and catch fish another sits quitly on the water very near the road. Three Juvenile Crested Pied Cuckoos were on the vellamaram. I noticed a pair of Shikras building their nest in the Poomegarent tree. I should watch them closely. The little tern and anothe tern with sharply forked tail were there. Grey Headed mynas were there. Flimingo and Pelicans were on the other end of the kanmai.

~~101. Lesser Black backed Gull~~

101. Shikra

102. Cotton Teal (in the market only with Green speculam - head brown - 10-12 birds).

24.2.72 Periakanmai - South Kalingu. 7.30 to 8.00 A.M.

Felimingo and Pelicans were there. High wind swifts and swallows in huge numbers over Peria kanmai. ~~Swift able~~ Swallow able to stood still against wind.

103. Little Grebe.

25.2.1973 East towards Kennikarai 6.45 to 7.45 A.M.

Only ½ K.M from my house - hedges and small Pools of water - Warm morning

Birds seen

Crow
Jungle Crow
Purple Sunbird
Little Egret
B. Kite
Pariah Kite
Dawny Eagle
Cotton Teal
Grebe.
Common Kingfisher
Common Myna
Brahmy Myna
Pied Crested Cuckoo
Indian Robin
Coppersmith
Warbler (White throat)
King Crow
Drongo
Pied Wagtail
Sky Lark
House Sparrow
Rock Pigeon

Paddy Bird
Palm Swift
Redvented Bulbul
Parakeet (Rose Ringed)
Common Babbler

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27.2.1973 East towards Mullukadu 1.50 k.m 6.45 to 8.15 A.M

Bright sunny day - able to see vast number of birds - water dried up in the Mullukadu area

Grey Heron
Indian Whiskered Tern
B. Kite
P. Kite
T. Eagle
Shikra
Little Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
Spotted Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Bartailed Godwit
Little Stint
Bittern
Little Egret
Medium Egret
Paddy Bird
Night Heron
Common Bee Eater
White Breasted W. Hen
Grebe
Brown Shrike
Parakeet
Blue Jay
Brahminy Myna

Pied Wagtail
White Breasted Kingfisher
Pied Kingfisher
Indian Robin
Tree Pipit
Black bellied Finch Lark
Common Sparrow
Skylark
Palm Swift
~~[illegible]~~ Crow
Jungle Crow
Straited Warbler
Brown Warbler
Coppersmith
King crow
Drango
Brown headed Gull
Warbler.
Lesser Sand Plover
Locoul
Golden Oriole



28-2-1973 Sakkarakottai Kanmai 8-30 to 9.45 a.m.

Very hot sunny day. No clouds. Water going down rapidly.

Pelican (300 to 500)
Painted Stork
Grey Heron
Purple Heron
Large Egret
Median Egret
Small Egret
Paddy Bird
Gull Billed Tern
Indian Whiskered Tern
Lesser Black Backed Gull
Brown Headed Gull
Black Headed Gull
L.R. Plover
Kentish Plover
Spotted Sandpiper
Little Stint
Common Sand piper
Black bellied Finch Lark
Tree Pipit
Common Myna
Grey Headed Myna

Pied Kingfisher
White Breasted "
Common "
Parakeet "
Purple sunbird
Pariah Kite
Brahminy Kite
Yellow Throated Sparrow
House Sparrow
Striated warbler
Blue Tailed Bee Eater
Common Babbler
Jungle Babbler
King Crow
Drongo
House Crow
Jungle Crow
Flamingos
Pied Crested Cuckoo
Black Winged Stilt

8-3-1973 Periakanmai North Kalingu 6.30 / 7.30 Am

37 Batches visible - hot sunny day.

Felimingos making lot of noise and comming towards bund while the sun goes up. Only Little Birds in the Bushes. not interesting as were in the past month

1. Black Winged Kite
2. Pariah Kite
3. Brahminy Kite.
4. Black Headed Cuckoo Shrike
5. Little Grebe
6. White Breated Water hen
7. Felimingos
8. Swallows
9. Palm Swift
10. Koel
11. White Breasted Kingfisher
12. House Crow
13. Jungle Crow
14. Pied Crested cuckoo
15. Little Egret
16. Median Egret.
17. Common Sandpiper
18 Spotted Sandpiper
19. L. Ringed Plover.
20. Common Bee Eater
21. Tree Pipit
22. Paddy Bird
23. Crested Sky Lark
24. Richard Pipit
25. B. Bellied F. Lark

9.3.1973 Sakkaraikottai Kanmai 6.30 to 7-30 a.m

Bright Sunny Morning - Water Decresing Swiftly. There may pelicans and Flamingos, nearly thousand in each catecarey. Very interesting active Bird life for the coming fifteen days. ~~the~~

26 Pelican
27. Curlew (2)
28. Little Stint
29. Grey Plover
30. Kentish Plover
31. Black Headed Gull
32. Brow Headed Gull
33. Less B. Backed Gull
34. Whiskered Tern
35. Gull Billed Tern
36 Creasted Tern.
37. ~~Gobley~~ G Heron
38. Purple Heron
39. Large Egret
40. Green Shank
41. Spoon Bill
42. Common Teal
43. Cotton Teal
45. Yellow Throated Sparrow
46. Drongo
47. Golden Oriole
48. Redvented Bulbul
49. Common Myna
50 Brahminy Myna
51. Purple Sunbird
52. Brown Warbler
53. Striated Warbler
54. Coppersmith
55. Hoopoe
56 Spotted Owlet.
57. Night Heron
58. Bittern
60. Pied Kingfisher
61. Pied Wagtail
62. Black Winged Stilt
63. Lesser Sand Plover

12.3.1973 Sakkarai Kottai Kanmai 7.00 – 8.30 A.M

For the First time I went along the southern bund about 2 K.M. Huge flocks of Pelicans and Painted storks were there. Few Spoonbills and 10 to 12 Blacknecked Ibis also were there. One man with gun was waiting saying that birds will come near the bund by 12.00 noon. 10 to 12 Flamingo's only were there.

64. Black necked Ibis
65. Spoon bills.
66. Indian Reef Heron.
67. Bay Weaver
68 Kentish Plover
69. ~~Rose Ringed~~ Parakeet
70. Blue Tailed Bee-eater
71. ~~Kestrel~~
72 Dawny Eagle
73 Another swift-

12.3.1973 In the evening while returning from walk noted a pair of Barn Owl (7.00 P.M) Scribbling on the dried Borassu near the temple near Abdulla's house.

74 Barn Owl

13.3.73 path towards Lakshimi Oorani 6.30 to 7.15 A.M

- noted 32 species - ~~74~~.

75. Rufous Shrike
76. ~~Common~~ Babbler
77 Indian Robin
78. Rock Pigeon

14.3.73 Madurai Road → Railway Line
6.30 to 7.30 A.M.

79. Marsh Harrier
80. Pintail Snipe
81. Brown Shrike
82. Jugle Babbler
83. White throated
84. White throated Munia

16.3.73 Devipattanam Road upto 7 K.M 6.30-8.00A.M.

Bright sunny day.

Finch Larks and warblers were in Large numbers. At one spot 10-15 Richards and Tree Pipit were there on wire. Marsh Harrier were also there. 30-50 Pelicans flew over head they came diagonally in a beatiful straigt line and they formed their usual one behind the other form just each bird changing its direction. One Black Bitterns also were near 5 K.M mark.

85. Ring Dove
86. Fantail Brown Warbler
87. Tree Pie
88. Grey Patritge
89 Brown Swift (in hundreds)
90 Little Prinia
91 ~~Red~~ Winged Lark.

22.3.73 Periakanmai North Kalingu 7.30 to 8.15 A.m.

Sunny Sultry day - water completely dried up near the Kalingu - In the Kanmai some ten feet beyond the solitary tree.

Larks, and spotted sandpipers warblers are in large number.

One Black Ibis flushed unexpectedly. Kambu and Ellu or about to ripen and it will attract huge number of Finches and Larks. ~~The will be~~. A dozen or so Pintails flew in the kanmai, Neck and underparts pure white head and back black.

92 Cattle Egret
93. Golden backed woodpecker
94 Black Ibis
95 Pale Harrier (female)

~~29.3.73~~

29.3.73 Sakaraikottai kamai 8.30 AM 9.15 a.m

Water almost dried up only in the western end Painted Storks, Flemingos Pelicans, Large Egrets, Spoonbills, and huge flock of Gulls were there in the western edge. Stints and other little waders were flying in huge collections (100 - 150)

2/3 in 1/3 Gulls attained brown head. One or two black headed one few Lesser black backed Gulls were there. In the early hours Tern, Whiskered and Gull billed were very active.

It is difficult to Photograph as there is no trees for cover and the birds used to flew off even I very far off.

The water will be there upto 15.4.1973 if there is no Rain.

31.3.73 செங்கல்பட்டு இருங்குன்றப்பள்ளம் வழியில் 6.45 to 7.30 A.M.

Cloudy weather. – no sun – ~~only~~
Paddy only in few fields.

1. House Crow
2. Jungle Crow
3. H. Sparrow
4. Br. kite
5. Parial kite
6. Common Myna
7. White breasted Kingfisher
8. Little Egret
9. Paddy Bird
10. Roller.
11. C. Swallow
12. Palm Swift
13. Another Swift
14. B. Drongo
15. Grey Drongo
16. Indian Robin
18. Redwinged Skylark
19. Lesser Sand Plover
20. Black Winged Stilt
21. Spotted Sandpiper
22. Purple Sunbird
23. Warbler.
24. Rock pigeon
25. Spoon bill
26. Cattle Egret
27. Rufous Shrike
28. Brown ~~Shrike~~
29. " " Shrike
30. Pied Wag tail
31. L. Grebe
32. Common Babbler
33. Parakeet
34. Tawny Eagle
35. Black bellied F. Lark
36. Hoopoe
37. Coucoul
38. Koel
39. Common Bee Eater

1.4.73 Thirupullani to Sethukarai } 6.15 to 9.45 A.M.

Cloudy Wheather – No Rain. No Sun
walked from Thirupullani to Sethukarai
and back upto 2. K.M. marks. few
Gulls taking bath.

1. Common Bee Eater
2. Kestral (Near Sea Coast)
3. Grey Heron.
4. Bartailed Godwit
5. Lessor Sand Plover
6. Little Green Heron
7. Common Sandpiper
8. Grey Plover (Winter Plumage)
9. Kentish Plover
10 Little Ringe Plover
11. Caspian Tern
12. Indian Whiskered Tern
13. Brown headed Gull.
14. Ashy Swallow Shrike
15. Indian Wood Shrike
16. Bay Backed Shrike
17. Cuckoo Shrike
18. Madras Bush Lark
19 Tree Pipit
20. Black Bellied F Lark
21. Common Babbler
22. Jungle Babbler
23. Tree Warbler
24. Blyth Reed Warbler
25 Tailor Bird
26. Coucal
27. Yellow Throated Sparrow
29. Median W Reef Heron Egret White Spac
30. White breated Kingfisher
31. Shikra
32. White throated Munia
33. Ring Dove
34. Grey Patrige (Heard)
35. Brahminy Myna
36. Palm Swift
37. Brow Bellied Swift
38. Grey Drango
39. Tawny Eagle
40 Parakeet

41. Redvented Bulbul
42. Purple Sunbird
43. Indian Robin

Absence of Pied crested cuckoo and Koel notable. Green Billed Malkoha was also absent. Curlew and Wimbrel not found in the sea coast Practically no terns were there.

No rain for the past two or three months. No green grass in the Thorn forest which were becoming scarce as the coco nut thoops are developing.

Absent of Blue tailed Bee Eater at the sea coast also notable.

Presence of Kesetrel only new feature.

3. 4. 1973 Lakshmi Voorini Surroundings - 6.45 to 7.15 A.M.

Rain perivious day about 0.5 C.M. - Cloudy Wheather.

Today I am able to see about 10 Little grebes in the little pool which part becoming dry. 2 Black headed Cuckoo Shrikes were seen chasing Each other. A paraih kites nest is reading in the Palmairah tree. The Blackwinged Stilts were absent to day. X

1 Purple Sunbird
44 2 Black headed Cuckoo Shrikes
45 3 White breasted Water hen
4 Yellow Throated Sparrow
5 Indian Robin
6 Madras Bush Lark
7 Common Sandpiper
46 8 Koel (Heard)
47 9 Spotted Owlet
10 White breasted Kingfisher
48 11. Rock Piegeon
49 12 ~~Pied~~ Crested Cuckoo
13 Rose Ringed Parakeet
50 14. Pied wagtail

4.4.1973 Vaigaitharavai → Pattanamkattam → Ramnad
6.30 to 8.30 AM Slight rain previous rain - dry fields -

The grass in the vagai taravai becomes semi day, still water in the ~~deep~~ shallow ditches - Golden Plovers in lesser numbers not yet attained summer plumage.

51 1. Painted Stork
52 2. Gullbilled Tern
3. Grey Heron
4. Godwit
53 5. Golden Plover
6. Lesser Sand Plover
7. Kentish Plover
8. L. R. Plover.
9. Red Shank
54 10. Spotted Dove
11. Ring Dove
55 12. Goldenbacked Woodpecker
13. B. Bellied F. Lark
56 14. Richards Pipit
15. Ashy Swallow Shrike
16. Baybacked Shrike
17. Wood Shrike
57 18. Brown Shrike
58 19. Grey Shrike
20. White Throated Munia
21. Red Vented Bulbul
22. Rose Ringe Parakeet
23. Common Sandpiper
24. Brahminy Myna
25 Coucal
26 Koel
27 Tawny Eagle
28 Purple Sunbird
29. Indian Robin
30 Jungle Babbler
31. Common Babbler
32 Common Sandpiper.
33. Rock Piegeon.
34. Pied Crested Cuckoo
35 Hoopoe.
36. White breasted Kingfisher
37. Palm Swift
38. Brown Swift
39 Golden Oriole
59 40 Common Swallow
60 41 CopperSmith (Heard)
~~44. Common Babbler.~~
~~45 Redvented Bulbul.~~

5.4.73 குன்னக்காட்டுமடை 4 k.m from R.S. 7.45 to 9.00 A.M
1 k.m from Main Road to கிழக்கே

Rain ~~3~~ 6 hours before – சக்கரைக் கோட்டை கண்மாய் நிறைந்திருக்கிறது.

நீர் வற்றத் தொடங்கியது. பெரும்பாலும் இன்னமும் 20 நாட்களில் மேடுபள்ளமாய்ப் பிரிந்து வற்றிவிடும். Open billed Storks in white plumage, about twenty – Spoonbills youngones with black edged wings and Rosy spoonbills without any cinnamon mark on neck. Felimingos and Pelicans absent – People say Pelicans may visit in the evening. White shafted Ternlet noisy and chasing each other flying high in the air able to stood still for some time ~~like white~~ Pied Kingfisher – bill yellow – fore head white crown black. One or two River Terns – White whiskered Terns in large numbers. One one Brown headed Gull and one Lesser Black Backed Gull. One ~~Eastern~~ Reef Heron among Egrets. Huge collection of (300 to 400) Stints and Lesser Sand Plovers. 3 to 5 Curlews.

5.4.73 ← detailed Report in Pervious Page

1. Painted Strok
61 2. Open billed Strok
62 3. Spoonbill
63 4. Indian Reef Heron
64 5. Large Egret
65 6. Median Egret
7. Grey Heron
66 9. Lesser Cormorant
10. Little Greble
11. Lesser Sand Plover
12. Little Stint
67 13. Curlew
14. Spotted Sandpiper
15 Common Sandpiper
16. Ketish Plover
17. L. R. Plover
18 Indian Whiskered Tern
68 19. River Tern
69 20. White shafted Ternlet
70 21. Gull billed Tern
22. Brown Headed Gull
71 23. Lesser Black backed Gull
72 24. Common Teal
73 25. ~~Cotton~~ Teal
74 26 Marsh Harrier

27. White breasted Kingfisher
75 28 Pied Kingfisher
29. Blyth's Reed Warbler
30. Common Warbler
31. Brown Shrike
76 32. Weaver Bird
33. Tree Pipit
34. Black Bellied F. Lark
35 Madras Bush Lark
36. Golden B. Woodpecker
37. Pied Crested Cuckoo
38 Koel
39 Common Bee Eater
40 Yellow Throated Sparrow
41. Grey Drongo
42 Red Shank
43 Spotted Dove
43. Palm Swift
44. Brown Swift
45. Common Babler
46 R. Vented Bulbul

Periakanmai — 6.4.73 Southern Kalingu 6.00 to 7.15 a.m.

Cloudy sunless morning — water just at the trees edge —

Two huge flocks of Gulls went towards North to the sea or breeding ground? Teals flown in huge flocks. Few Pintails were there. No felimingos or Pelicans or Painted Stroks in large numbers.

77 1. Black Winged Kite.
2. Tawny Eagle
3. Shikra
4. Cormorant
5. Painted Strok
6. C-sandpiper
7. Spotted sandpiper
8. Stint.
9. Madras Bushlark
10. Tree Pipit
11 Koel
12. Parakeet
13. Golden Oriole
14. Palm Swift
15. Brow Swift
11. Common Swallow
17. Blyth's Reed warbler
18. Reed warbler
19. Striated warbler
20. White Throated Munia

78 21. Grey Headed Wagtail
22. Pied Wagtail
23. Brown Shrike
24. R. Wented Bulbul
25. White breated Waterhen
26. Mediag Eagret
27. Night Heron.
28. B. Bellied Finlark
29. Coucal
30 Brahminy Myna
31. Common Teal
32 Pin Tail
33. White breasted Kingfisher
36. Caspian Tern
37. Gullbilled Tern
38. Brownheaded Gull
79 39. Night Heron

7.4.73 Ramnad to Thiruchendur 8.00 A.M to 1.30 P.M

By State Bus

Cloudy Rainy day.

Eventhough most of tanks enroute are dried up there are still water in the low lying parts in certain tanks. Near Sikkal in a tank a group of Painted Storks were there. Heron and Black Ibis are also seen arround Sikkil. Near Ervadi Doves are seen in huge numbers. There was no movements of Gulls in the Thiruchendur coast as I witnessed during December last. In all I was able to count about forty birds while travelling. Except the Turtle Dove no new species were seen enroute.

11-4-73 [illegible] 5-00 to 6-30 P.m

Very hot sunny day - Wind from East. blowing steadly - water almost nearing the bund - a gunman fired a shot at about 5-30 - two Little Egret were fell :

Able to see 35 birds almost the same birds seen on 5.4.73 morning but in lesser ~~nu~~ numbers. A Ternlet catch a fish a little larger in size and flew hither and thither finding it difficult to swallow the victims. Common Teal, Pintail, and Cotton Teal. Grey Heron, Curlew and Whimbrel (noisy) were there in one or twos.

80. Greenshanks
81. Grey Patridge
82. Whimbrel

12-4-73 Periakanmai - [illegible] to [illegible]-3 - 6.15 to 7.45 A.M.

- hot morning -

Pelicans, Painted storkes and Large Egrets were in large numbers. Grey Herons, Avocets, Terns, Teals were also there. Felimingos were only in small numbers when compared to the last year huge collections. Pelicans which were very far off came slowly towards the bund. Witnessed nuptsal flight & song of Tree Pipit.

83 1. Felimingos (10)
84 2. Pelicans (750)
8 3. Cormorant (Little)
4. Painted Stork (500)
5. Large Egrett
6. Grey Herons
7. Br Headed Gull
8. Lesser B. Backed Gull
9. Gull billed Tern
10. River Tern
11. Common Sandpiper
12. L.R. Plover
13. Lesser plover
14. Little Stint.
15. Spotted Sandpiper
85 16. Avocet.
17. Ring Dove
18. Ashy Swallowshrike
19. Pied Cr. Cuckoo
20. Y. Throated Sparrow
21. Tree Pipit
22. Mad. Bush Lark
23. B. Bellied F Lark
24. Grey Drongo
25. Parakeet
26. W. Breasted K fisher
27. Warbler
29. Striated Warbler
30. Pied wagtail

14. 4. 73 Periakanmai - [illegible] - 3 - [illegible] 7.45 to 8.45 A.M.

Hot sunny day - Prof Abraham accompanied me.

Pelicans which in large numbers on 13-4-73 were absent to-day - Spoonbills, Gulls, Large Egrets were in hundreds. Whistling or common teals also were there. Grey Herons and Painted storks about 100 Each. Grey Headed Wagtails about 500 in the Paddy field.

1. Black Winged Kite
2. Spotted sandpiper
3. Grey Headed Wagtail (500)
4. Spoonbills (500)
5. Black Headed Ibis (25)
6. Large Egret (100)
7. Pelicans (10)
8. Flamingos (3)
9. Brown Headed Gulls (500)
10. Lesser Bl. Backed Gull
11. Gull billed Tern
12. River Tern
13. Reef Heron (1)
14. Grey Heron (100)
15. Cotton Teal
16. Common Teal (50)
17. Avocet (25)
18. Median Egret
19. Little Stint (100)
20. Lesser Sand Plover
21. L. Ringe Plover
22. Black Winged Stilt
23. Cattle Egret
24. Common Sandpiper
25. Skye's Crested Lark
26. Tree Pipit
27. Swallow
28. Palm Swift
29. Another Brown Swift
30. Bl Bellied F. Lark
31. Grey Heade Wagtail (500)
32. Common Bee Eater
33. Pied Crested Cuckoo
34. Grey Drongo
35. Warbler.

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14.4.73 Vaigai Tharai – 4.45 to 5.45. Cycle.
Hot Day   Prof Abraham.

Returned via mandapam Road.
All the way to the tharavai Practically dry.
Even the vagai bed very dry except the pool of water.

84 ~~1~~. Common Kingfisher
85 2. Peafowl
3. Common Bee eater
86 4. Bluetailed Bee eater (Immature)
5. White throated Munia
6. Spotted Dove
7. Coucal
8. Purple sunbird
9. Jungle Babbler
10. Redvented Bulbul
11. Hoopoe
12. Indian Robin
13. Golden Backed woodpecker
14. Brown Shrike or Rufous S?
15. Baybacked shrike
16. Ashy Swallow Shrike
18. Koel
19. Grey Drongo
20. Golden Plover
21. Spotted Sandpiper
22. Little R. Plover
23. Kentish Plover.
24. Green Sandpiper
25. Spoonbills (50)
26. Grey Heron
27. Median Egret.
28. Richard's Pipit.
29. River Tern
30. Gullbilled Tern
31. Parakeet
32. White breasted Kingfish
33 Tawny Eagle

17-4-1973 By path towards Lakshmi Vilas Uraoni - 6.15 to 7.10 A.M.

A man brought for sale Lesser Crested Terns some in breeding plumage Cap and crest Black some with white shafts on head. Bill yellow feet Black and soles yellow. Wood shrike, Brown Shrike, Black headed Cuckoo Shrike were there. The creches might have move to the tank near the Valipadu Murugan temple.

1. Purple sunbird
2. Wood shrike
3. Brown Shrike
4. Black headed Cuckoo Shrike
87 5. Lesser Crested Tern
7. White breasted Water Hen
8. White breasted Kingfisher
9. White throated Munia
10 Madras Bush Lark
11. Bl. Bellied Finch Lark
12. Spotted sandpiper
13. Lesser sand Plover
14. Pied White Wagtail
15 Indian Robin
16. Parakeet
17. Koel (Heard)

20.4.1973 - Mandapam Camp - Pamban 12.30 to 6.00 P.M

High Tides sea board at Pamban completely merged - No high winds - hot sun - practically trip a failure.

At mandapam bulbuls were in huge numbers. able to see and hear loras and koels were also there. While crossing Pamban bridge, The White bellied Sea Eage was seen sitting on the telegraph pole and it flew with the train.

88 1. lora
2. ~~L~~ittle Green Heron
89 3. White bellied Sea Eage
4. Brown Swift
5. Brown headed Gull
6. Lesser Crested Tern
7. Indian Reef Heron
8. Purple Sun bird
90 9. Purple Rumped Sunbird
10. Para keet
12. Redshank
13. Stents
91 14. Red Turtle Dove
15. Wood Shrike
16. ~~C~~attle Egret
17. Grey Heron
18. Pied Wagtail

22.4.73 Periakanmai Northkalinga 6.00 to 7.00 A.M

Cloudy morning - water gone beyond the tree - still coming from madai No. 3. few Felimingo, Large Egrets in Large numbers Teals, Gulls, Avocets, Painted Storks were there.

1. Felimingo
2. Openbilled Stork
3. Painted Storks
4. Grey Heron
5. B. Headed Gull
6. Spoon bill
7. Cotton Teal
8. Common Teal
9. Avocet
10. Stints
11. Spotted Sandpiper
12. Madras Bush Lark
13. Singin Bushlark
14. Sykes Skylark
15. Purple Sunbird
16. Jungle Paper
17. Pied Kingfisher
18. Pied Crested Cuckoo
19. Red Vented Bulbul
20. Yellowthroated Sparrow
21. Brown Warbler
22. Little Warbler
23. White throated Munia
24. Cattle Egret
27. Common Bee Eater
28. Rose Ringed Parakeet
29 Koel
30. Spotted Owlet
31. Palm Swift
32. Brown Swift
33. Median Egret